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SUBJECT: US MAYORS INVITED TO LIBERATION OF PARIS
CEREMONIES

1. THE MAYORS OF NEW YORK, HOUSTON AND NEW ORLEANS
HAVE BEEN INVITED TO ATTEND THIS YEAR'S CELEBRATION OF
THE LIBERATION OF PARIS ON AUGUST 25. ACCORDING TO
THE OFFICE OF PARIS MAYOR JACQUES CHIRAC, NEW YORK
MAYOR KOCH HAS ACCEPTED IN PRINCIPLE AND PLANS SEEM TO
BE FIRING UP FOR AN AUGUST 24-27 VISIT. THE MAYOR OF
NEW ORLEANS ORIGINALLY ACCEPTED BUT FINALLY REGRETTED,
WHILE THE FRENCH HAVE NO REPLY YET FROM HOUSTON.

2. THIS YEAR'S EVENT IS SHAPING UP INTO SOMETHING MORE
THAN THE USUAL, ANNUAL CEREMONY. FIRST OF ALL, PARIS'
NEW MAYOR CAN BE COUNTED ON TO MOUNT AN IMPRESSIVE SHOW,
BOTH FOR HIS OWN SUPPORTERS AND FOR THE GENERAL PUBLIC.
SECOND, THE THEME THIS YEAR BEING THE ALLIED PARTICIPA-
TION IN THE LIBERATION, MAYORS FROM CITIES IN THE USSR,
POLAND, THE UK, BELGIUM AND HOLLAND HAVE ALSO BEEN INVI-
TED.

3. IF THE MAYORS OF NEW YORK AND HOUSTON ACCEPT THIS
INVITATION, THE EVENT WILL HAVE EVEN MORE SIGNIFICANCE
FROM THE US STANDPOINT, AND WE WOULD WANT TO BE IN A
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POSITION TO FACILITATE AND PROMOTE OUR MAYORS' VISITS
TO THE MAXIMUM US BENEFIT. WE WOULD THEREFORE APPRECIATE
ANY INFORMATION THE DEPARTMENT HAS ON OUR MAYORS' POS-
SIBLE TRAVEL; AT THE SAME TIME, WE WILL KEEP IN TOUCH
WITH CITY HALL HERE TO THE SAME END.
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